

## SPIRITUALITY

*Union of Hearts*

*C*or ad cor loquitur, one heart speaks to the other. Indeed, people who love each other or know each other very well communicate from their hearts. Their union is so strong that they do not need many words but think and feel in unison and easily understand each other in all situations.

Because of the instability of our hearts, this union is easily shaken. However, if two hearts are pure and selfless, their harmony will remain even in moments of distress and pain. The most profound example of such union is that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Two pure vessels of grace, these hearts have been in deepest unity from the very moment of Christ's conception in the immaculate womb of His Virgin Mother. Mary's Immaculate Heart participates fully in all the sufferings and joys of the Sacred Heart, thus partaking in a special way in the work of redemption.

The purest heart of Joseph, strong and steadfast in its faithful adherence to the Holy Family, is the example of a human heart kept pure and selfless through a constant union with the Holiest Hearts of Jesus and Mary. While our hearts do not enjoy the same purity and frequently struggle with pride and selfishness, we can implore the Holy Family to cleanse our hearts by the graces which flow from their intimate union of hearts. Like Mary's and Joseph's, our hearts need to be fixed on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, throne of Divine Charity and "sum of all religion" (Pope Pius XI). Then, through prayer and sacrifice, the streams of cleansing water flowing from its wound will purify our hearts and bring them to an ever more perfect union with Him.

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz

## FROM THE SEMINARY

*M*any men – saints included – fled before their Priestly Ordination, some even on the very eve of "the day," thus creating scenarios, at times, no less dramatic and full of suspense than any great "escape story."

Having been asked, for this text, what my thoughts are on my approaching Ordination, I can say they are certainly not that of fleeing. I feel little fear of the Priesthood, which worries me at times. I'm in love with it; how can I fear it? What about fears regarding where I'll be sent? Not either!

As in many other parallel aspects, the vocation to the Priesthood is like marriage. Once you are "in love," it really doesn't matter where you and your spouse go to live together after your wedding, does it? Same for the Priesthood. I love my future flock; I think of it and already pray for each of its sheep. Where are they? It truly doesn't matter. I'm packing and waiting for my orders.

Nonetheless, I will surely miss Gricigliano. These seminary years have been, as a whole, the most wonderful of my life. I could write a whole book about them. But, if I were to choose a single topic that would somehow condense it all, I would say that here we are taught to truly love the Church. Not as one might imagine it to be, but as it really is, in all its present-day glory and sanctity, in all its sufferings and Passion. Gricigliano is a "place of dreams," but certainly not of "dreamers." Sentimental nostalgic feelings about the past, as well as of an imaginary future, don't make it too far here. On the contrary, we are trained to humbly be "men of great desires," *desideriorum vir*, which is quite different. Great love and desires that become reality in the form of service; service of the Church. Please pray for me.

Abbé Henry Fragelli



## SUMMER CAMP IN WISCONSIN

This year's Summer Camp in northern Wisconsin will take place July 21- 24, for boys, and August 4 - 7, for girls. For information contact Father Olivier Meney at St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, 715-842-9995 or <http://institute-christ-king.org/wausau/YouthCamps2008.html>

## THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

is a society of apostolic life whose goal is the honor of God and the sanctification of priests in the service of the Church and souls. Its specific aim is missionary: to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life. Our work is carried out under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception, to Whom the Institute is consecrated.

The Institute was founded in 1990 by Monsignor Gilles Wach and Father Philippe Mora in Gabon, Africa, where we still have missions. Today, the mother-house and international seminary of the Institute is located in Gricigliano, in the Archdiocese of Florence, Italy.

Recognizing the importance of a deep harmony between faith, liturgy, and life, and the power of beauty in attracting the human senses to the things above, an integral part of the Institute's charism is the use of the extraordinary form of the Latin Rite according to the *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum*.

Great care for a solemn liturgy, complete fidelity to the doctrine of the Church and the Holy Father, and awareness of the central role of Grace, especially Charity – these are essential elements of the Institute's spirituality, which is drawn from its three co-patrons, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis de Sales. Our motto, taken from St. Paul, is "Live the truth in charity."

The Institute operates in more than 50 places in 12 countries, where our priests focus on the care of souls in many different ways. To assist our priests in their apostolic work, the Institute also has clerical oblates. In 2004, a community of religious sisters was canonically established to aid the priests in their mission through prayer and apostolic work.

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*Christ reigns**Letter of the Vicar General*

Dear Friend of the Institute of Christ the King!

The presence of Pope Benedict XVI in the United States has strengthened our faith in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church guided by the Vicar of Christ on Earth. The Lord not only has founded the Church and established Her supernatural life through dogma and the sacraments, but He also remains present to Her throughout history in many mysterious ways. One of these is Peter the Rock, the visible head of the Mystical body whose teaching and guidance is meant to preserve us in lasting unity with our Savior.

This Divine Presence in the Church finds its culmination in the Blessed Sacrament. In the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, Jesus Christ is substantially present, with his Divinity and Humanity, his Soul and his Body. Our Altars are the throne of Christ the King, the Eternal High Priest, victim for our salvation. Hence, the heart of Jesus, pierced for our sins, offers itself in every tabernacle as a token of Divine Love and a gateway to Heaven.

In preparation for the sublime Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is very early this year, we invite you to participate in a Novena of Masses in honor of the Heart of the Savior, which we celebrate every year at the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago. Your enrolment in this novena will give you and your loved ones innumerable graces and your sacrificial gift will help us form many American young men into priests after the Heart of Jesus!

With my promise to include your intentions during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I remain yours very cordially,

*Michael Schmitz*  
Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz  
Provincial Superior for the United States



The Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus with their statue of the Sacred Heart in procession.



# FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

## for Generations to Come

Throughout the Institute's apostolates, children and youth live and grow in their Catholic Faith as generations have before them. While learning and living the eternal truths, they ready themselves to pass on their Treasure to generations to come.

"Ubi caritas est..."  
Best of friends, at St. Margaret  
Mary's in Oakland, CA.



Members of St. Margaret Mary's  
children's choir in preparation.

"He who sings, prays twice."  
St. Augustine



Newest faithful at Our  
Mother of Perpetual  
Help, St. Clara CA.



Enthronement of the relic of  
St. Prosper, St. Louis, MO.



Palm Sunday in Oakland, CA.



Mass at Summer Boy's Camp  
in northern Wisconsin

Catechism at St. Anthony's  
in West Orange, NJ.



Confirmation at St. Francis de Sales  
in St. Louis, MO.

All Saints Day at the Shrine of  
Christ the King in Chicago, IL.



First Holy Communion,  
St. Mary's in Wausau, WI.



"Be perfect as  
your Heavenly  
Father is perfect."  
Matthew 5:48

"It is right from  
time to time to  
relax our efforts."  
St. Anthony of  
the Desert



French class in kazoo concert,  
Wausau, WI.



Procession in honor of  
Our Lady, Rockford, IL.



Corpus Christi, Old St. Patrick's  
in Kansas City, MO.



Summer picnic at  
St. Joseph's, Green Bay, WI.



"I used to throw my rose petals up high into the air before they fell, and when they touched the monstrance my happiness was complete." St. Thérèse of Lisieux

# NEWS from the Vineyard



On March 29 – 30, the Institute of Christ the King conducted a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady there. The superiors, seminarians, and sisters of the Institute came *en masse* from Gricigliano, along with many of its priests from France, led by their Provincial Superior, Abbé Benoît Jayr. They were all joined by friends and faithful from both sides of the Atlantic numbering well over 1,000. The two days were filled with private and scheduled devotions, including the Rosary, Way of the Cross, and an impressive candle Procession Saturday eve-

ning. Solemn High Masses were celebrated in the upper basilica chapel, at overflowing capacity. On Saturday the celebrant was Vicar General Msgr. Michael Schmitz, while Msgr. Gilles Wach, Prior General, offered Mass that Divine Mercy Sunday. The pilgrims were greeted by the director of the Shrine who gave a warm welcoming speech.

Among the many benefits of Our Holy Father's *motu proprio, Summorum Pontificum*, is an ever greater interest for the Latin Mass on the part of the youth. Several Catholic universities and colleges have offered Mass in the extraordinary form, often at the initiative of the students themselves. At the University of Steubenville, Msgr. Michael Schmitz was recently invited to celebrate what was the first traditional Latin Mass ever offered at that Ohio school. The Institute has also brought the Mass of Ages to secular universities. Father Denis Buchholz celebrated Mass at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence. In Chicago, the Institute has offered the Latin Mass on occasion at the University of Chicago; henceforth, this will be a regular occurrence, thanks to a student association recently formed there in support of Catholic tradition and culture.



## AT THE SHRINE in Chicago

It was a very special Holy Week this year at the Shrine of Christ the King, for it marked the first time that the Holy Triduum was celebrated inside our church since having been entrusted to the Institute of Christ the King to be restored. For the first time after its closure, this magnificent building witnessed the dispelling of "darkness" represented by the lighting of the Paschal candle, as the hallowed strains of the *Exsultet* once again filled its vast space, beautifully fitted with temporary furnishings.

taken in preaching and safeguarding the truth and the traditions of the Catholic faith, maintaining a due reverence, providing the faithful with devotions (many of which I never knew existed), and emphasizing the sacraments. It is a blessing that God has provided, through the priests of the Institute, the spiritual direction that I have received." *Deo gratias!*

Adding a special note of encouragement and joy to that holiest of weekends was an anonymous letter found in the collection basket, accompanying a very generous donation: "Having been away from the faith until about five years ago, and never having known what I had left, I am truly thankful to God for leading me back not just to the Church, but into the traditional practices of the faith. I wish to express my gratitude to the Institute of Christ the King for the role that it has



The Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday.